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1. IN OCT. 30 LEGAL COMITE MEETING, AFGHANISTAN DEL
INTRODUCED WORKING PAPER (A/C.6/L.990) ON LANDLOCKED
COUNTRIES. PAPER INVOLVES AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 3(C) OF
DEFINITION, AS INDICATED PARA 13 REFTEL. COSPONSORS ARE
BOLIVIA, BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CAR, CHAD, LAOS, LESOTHO,
MALI, NEPAL, NIGER, PARAGUAY, RWANDA, SWAZILAND, UGANDA,
UPPER VOLTA AND ZAIRE.

2. AFGHANISTAN NOTED ARGUMENTS THAT PRESENT TEXT OF
DEFINITION WAS DELICATELY BALANCED COMPROMISE PACKAGE.
AGREED THAT CONSENSUS APPROACH DESIRABLE, BUT NOTED THAT
ARTICLE 3 OF DEFINITION DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SPECIAL
PROBLEMS OF LANDLOCKED STATES. AFGHANISTAN ASKED RHETOR-
ICALLY, WHAT IS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CASE OF LANDLOCKED
BEING DENIED ACCESS TO SEA AND BLOCKADE OF PORTS OF
COASTAL STATE? -- AND ANSWERED, NONE; SINCE NATURE OF
BOTH ACTS THE SAME.

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3. AFGHANISTAN STATED IT HAD REFRAINED FROM INTRODUCING

ANY PROPOSAL IN THE INTEREST OF CONSENSUS, BUT SINCE SOME NEW PROCEDURES WERE TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO REFLECT SPECIAL VIEWS OF SOME OTHER DELS (READ PERU, ET AL), AFGHANISTAN AND COSPONSORS NOW SEEK SAME TREATMENT. THUS THEIR PROPOSAL IS A WORKING PAPER AND NOT, AT THIS TIME, AN AMENDMENT.

4. PARAGUAY, MALI AND BOTSWANA ALSO SPOKE ON SUBJECT ADDING NOTHING TO STATEMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.
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